

Funding and Feedback



Waste Management and Recycling Program
Maine State Planning Office

\$600,000- Recycling grants

**\$900,000- Household Hazardous
Waste (HHW) grants**



- Legislature approved bond issue , P&S Law Chapter 71
- For recycling and HHW infrastructure
- Opportunity for communities to reduce the volume and toxicity of their waste stream
- MRSA 38, Ch. 24, sub Ch. 3, §2133, authorizes SPO to provide financial assistance within available resources, and defines eligible public entities to include municipalities, their regional associations, sanitary and sewer districts

Recycling Grant 2003-1

- Competitive
- Require matching funds of at least 50/50
- If you are required to file a recycling report with SPO, a 2002 report must be on file with our office in order for you to be eligible for grant funding.

2003-1 Priorities

- Regional, as required in statute
- Expand materials list and/or increase volume recovery
- Composting, expanding the diversion of the organic fraction by moving onto food wastes
- School and municipal building recycling program



2003-1 Anticipated Timeline

- Beginning of March, you will receive a letter notifying you that the application package is available
- Application package will be on line at www.recyclemaine.com
- Hard copy will be sent by request only.
- 60 days will be allowed to complete the application
- SPO review in May
- Notification by the first week of June

2003-1 Application Basics

- Describe existing conditions/situations at your facility
- Describe the proposed project
- Describe your expectations for the project, how will it improve your operations
- Be specific
- Describe the project timeline
- Describe required education component
- Proposed budget

Balers



(Rockland)

Bulky Waste Recycling



(Wiscasset)



(Lisbon)

Rolling Stock



Composting Machinery



(Lincoln County)



(Lincoln County)



(Riverside)

In-Vessel Compost Systems



(Carrabassett Valley)

Municipal Recycling Facilities & Improvements



(Lisbon)



(Readfield / Wayne)

Reuse Sheds



(Bath)

Contracting with the State

- Must enter into an Agreement to Purchase Services
- “Rider A” in contract, “specifications of work to be performed,” will contain the timeline and budget from your application
- Contract commences upon signature of the grant by SPO.
- We **do not** send you a check before you do the work
- You spend the money and then send us a request for payment along with copies of invoices or receipts
- These requests for payment also serve as our progress report

2003-1 project eligibility

What is eligible

- ✓ Must be for recycling!
- ✓ Must be for capital expenditures
- ✓ Buildings, equipment and their installation
- ✓ \$1000.00 limit on education/public awareness

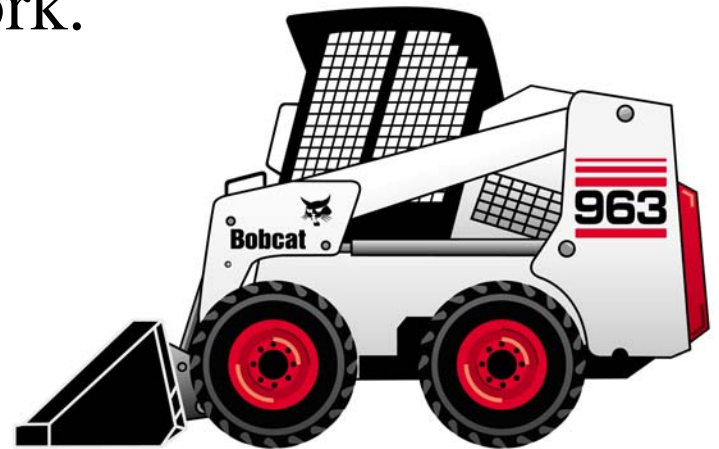


What is not eligible

- Ø Land
- Ø Major site development
- Ø Salaries
- Ø Administration, planning, engineering

2003-1 Expectations

- Proposals are approved as presented, no major deviations allowed after approval
- We will require a follow up report 1 year after start up
 - Did the project do what you intended it to do; what worked, what didn't work.
- Information will be used to improve program delivery



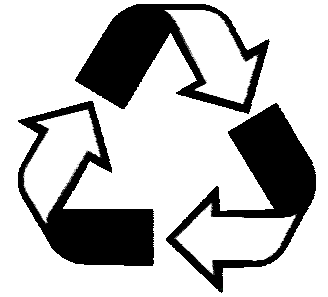
Common Problems with Grant Applications

- Lack of data to back up proposal
- Insufficient description
- Applicant doesn't answer the question asked
- Blanks! If you believe a question is not applicable, explain why, do not leave a question blank!
- Don't guess, call us!
- Your application and award selection will be graded on the information you have provided

2003-1 Criteria

- Proposal will be analyzed for feasibility and cost effectiveness
- Need for state funds
- Numbers and location of population served
- Likelihood of success
- Feasibility of technology/method/approach
- Assets and resources available
- Signatures on application of municipal officials required to demonstrate local commitment to the proposal

2003-1 Submittal Information



- 3 copies of your application, bound or stapled
- Printed double sided
- On 30% post consumer recycled content paper
- Applications may be mailed or hand delivered
- No fax or electronic submissions will be allowed

2003-1 Review Process

- We may ask for clarification
- Review will be by State Planning Office staff
- Applications that propose municipal level compost projects will be reviewed with the assistance of DEP staff
- We reserve the right to extend the review time

2003-1 If you have questions

- Contact us well before the application deadline
- We are glad to talk with you prior to submittal

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